

House Resolution No. 4468

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Karen R. Thomas, Certified Management Accountant, recently enhanced her already impressive record of accomplishment when she was selected to receive a 2007 Missourian Award by the American Heart Association; and

Whereas, Karen Thomas is the President of Oxford HealthCare in Springfield, Missouri, the largest agency in southwest Missouri, which employs over 1400 people providing services for Medicare, Medicaid, Private Duty, and Insurance; and

Whereas, Karen Thomas, who holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration from Missouri State University, was selected one of the "20 Most Influential Women" by the Springfield Business Journal in 2005 and Oxford was selected as "Innovator of the Year" for Economic Impact Awards in 2006 again by the Springfield Business Journal; and

Whereas, Karen Thomas is the Vice President of the Alzheimer's Board of Directors, a member of the Private Duty Home Care Association Board, a member of the American Diabetes Association Projects, a member of the Honeywell/HomMed Advisory Board, a member of the Missouri Partnership on Smoking or Health, and a member of the Missouri Quality Improvement Organization Telehealth Panel; and

Whereas, Missourian Awards nominees have made an outstanding contribution to the state or nation in the areas of civics, business, education, politics, or the arts by dedicating their lives to improving the quality of life in this state through diligent work and charitable ideals; and

Whereas, past Missourian Awards winners have included George Washington Carver, General Omar Bradley, Thomas Hart Benton, Walter Cronkite, President Harry S Truman, General John J. Pershing, Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, and Walt Disney; and

Whereas, Missourian Awards have been presented annually for fourteen years by the American Heart Association to acknowledge the most accomplished citizens of the state of Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the well-deserved selection of Karen Thomas for a 2007 Missourian Award from the American Heart Association; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Karen R. Thomas.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Dixon
District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4468, adopted August 16, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker